IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants :	Pierre DUHOT et al.	)
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Appln. No. :		)
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Filed :	April 3, 2000	)
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For :	METHOD FOR PRODUCING	)
	BRANCHED FATTY ACIDS USING	)
	GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS	)
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Atty. Dkt. :	31640-159397	)

**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

April 3, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title "PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR BRANCHED FATTY ACIDS BY MEANS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS" to –METHOD FOR PRODUCING BRANCHED FATTY ACIDS USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, please replace "one of the Claims 1 to 3" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, please replace " one of the Claims 4 to 7" with -- Claim 4 --.

Claim 9, line 1, please replace " one of the Claims 1 to 3" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 16, line 2, please replace "any one of the Claims 12 to 15" with --Claim 12--.

Claim 17, line 2, please replace "any one of the Claims 12 to 16" with --Claim 12--.

Claim 18, lines 2 to 3, please replace " one of the Claims 12 to 16 or a vector according to claim 17" with--Claim 12--.

Claim 20, line 2, please delete "or 19".

Claim 21, lines 2-3, please replace "the Claims 12 to 16 or a vector according to claim 17" with --Claim 12--.

Claim 22, line 2, replace "either of the Claims 18 or 19" with --Claim 18--.

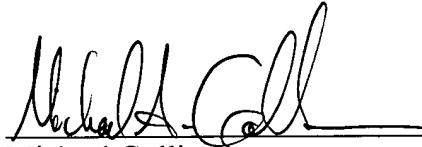Claim 23, line 3, replace "any one of the Claims 12 to 16" with --Claim 12--.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "according to Claim 20 or 21" and in line 2, please replace "either of the Claims 18 or 19" with --Claim 18--.

Claim 26, line 2, please replace "any one of the Claims 1 to 11, 22 or 24" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 27, line 2, please replace "any one of the Claims 1 to 11, 22 or 24" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 28, line 2, please replace "any one of the Claims 1 to 11, 22 or 23" with --Claim 1--.

Respectfully submitted,

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